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REMARKS

The examiner states that this application contains five inventions or groups of inventions (Groups I-V) which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 and requires election of a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Applicants elect with traverse Group I, claims 1-13, 15-17, 22-24, 27 in part, and claims 28-29. Traversal of the restriction requirement insofar as Groups II, III and V are concerned is based on the International Preliminary Examination Report (a copy of an English translation is attached hereto) was established on claims 1-17 and 21, thereby acknowledging unity of invention. No search report was established for claims 18-20 and 22-30 and therefore these claims were not examined.

Reconsideration and examination of all pending claims on their merits are respectfully requested.

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Favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully
solicited.

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